

REMARKS

With the above amendments, claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-19, and 21-42 remain in the application. Claims 21-42 have been added. Claims 5, 6, 12, 13, and 20 have been canceled.

The specification has been amended to correct informalities noted in the last office action.

Allowable Claims

In the last office action, claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 19, and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for deeming the aforementioned claims allowable. Accordingly:

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 5. Claims 2-4 depend on claim 1. Claim 5 has been canceled.

Independent claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 12. Claims 9-11 depend on claim 8. Claim 12 has been canceled.

Independent claim 14 has been amended to recite that the aluminum alloy comprises aluminum and copper, as in allowable claim 5. Claims 15-19 depend on claim 14.

New independent claim 21 includes the limitations of claim 1 as originally filed and allowable claim 6. Claims 22-24 depend on claim 21. Claim 6 has been canceled.

New independent claim 25 includes the limitations of claim 1 as originally filed and recites that the aluminum alloy comprises aluminum and hafnium, as in allowable claim 20. Claims 26-28 depend on claim 25.

New independent claim 29 includes the limitations of claim 8 as originally filed and allowable claim 13. Claims 30 and 31 depend on claim 29. Claim 13 has been canceled.

New independent claim 32 includes the limitations of claim 8 as originally filed and recites that the aluminum alloy comprises aluminum and hafnium, as in allowable claim 20. Claims 33 and 34 depend on claim 32.

New independent claim 35 includes the limitations of claim 14 as originally filed and recites that the aluminum alloy comprises aluminum and titanium, as in allowable claim 20. Claims 36-38 depend on claim 35. Claim 20 has been canceled.

New independent claim 39 includes the limitations of claim 14 as originally filed and recites that the aluminum alloy comprises aluminum and hafnium, as in allowable claim 20. Claims 40-42 depend on claim 39.

Conclusion

For at least the above reasons, it is believed that claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-19, and 21-42 are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408)436-2112 for any questions.

If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-2427.

Respectfully submitted,
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